

Admission and Financial Aid Application

Instructions for International Freshman Candidates

This information is provided for applicants who are neither U.S. citizens nor U.S. permanent residents. Be sure to read the instructions carefully before you begin the application.

EARLY DECISION I AND II

If Wheaton is your first choice among the colleges you are considering, you may wish to apply as an Early Decision candidate. Wheaton offers two Early Decision plans, both of which are binding.

For either Early Decision plan, be sure to check the appropriate Early Decision box on the application and supplement. Note that your high school counselor and parent/guardian also must sign the Early Decision Agreement form, available at commonapp.org.

Early Decision I

If you wish to apply Early Decision I, you must submit your application and the signed Early Decision Agreement by November 15. You will be notified of the committee's decision by December 15. If you are admitted, you are expected to enroll and to withdraw all other college applications by January 5, 2010. If the committee feels that additional information will be needed to evaluate your candidacy, action on your application may be deferred until March.

Early Decision II

If you wish to apply Early Decision II, you must submit your application and the signed Early Decision Agreement by January 15. You will be notified of the committee's decision by February 15. If you are admitted, you are expected to enroll and to withdraw all other college applications by March 1, 2010.

REGULAR DECISION (fall entrance)

January 15 is the deadline for all completed freshman applications for fall entrance. All candidates are notified of the committee's decision by April 1.

REGULAR DECISION (spring entrance)

The deadline for freshman applications for spring semester entrance is November 1. Candidates whose applications are complete will be notified of the committee's decision on a rolling basis, beginning in late November.

ADMISSION APPLICATION, SUPPLEMENT AND FEE

You may apply to Wheaton through the Common Application Web site: commonapp.org. Questions about the online application process should be directed to the Office of Admission by e-mail at webapp@wheatoncollege.edu.

Paper copies of the Common Application may be downloaded from the Wheaton Web site (wheatoncollege.edu/admission/apply)

and also are available in many U.S. education advising centers around the world.

Please complete the Common Application and the Wheaton Supplement to the Common Application and submit them to the Office of Admission with the required \$55 application fee. Your check should be made payable to Wheaton College. The \$55 application fee is waived for freshman candidates who apply online by January 5, 2010. If the application fee is a financial hardship, you may request a fee waiver in writing at admission@wheatoncollege.edu.

Remember to indicate the decision plan for which you are applying on the application and on all other forms. Be sure to sign and date your application. If submitting a paper application, please type or print clearly and write your full name and date of birth on every credential submitted as part of your application. It is extremely important that you use the same name on all credentials and written correspondence with the Office of Admission and Student Financial Services.

Important: Complete the co-curricular and employment sections of the application. Even if you plan to submit a personal résumé, this portion of the application is required.

REQUIRED CREDENTIALS

Academic Writing Sample

In addition to the Common Application Personal Statement, you must submit a graded academic writing sample. Your paper should be an analytical or research-based sample from an English, social studies, humanities or natural science class, and not an example of creative writing. Papers must have been written (in the English language) within the past year, be no more than five pages in length, and include the class instructor's notations and the grade received. Because writing samples will not be returned, legible copies are acceptable. If you do not have an academic paper that meets these requirements, please visit wheatoncollege.edu/admission/international/credentials.html for more information.

English Proficiency (non-native English speakers only)

Applicants for whom English is not the first language must submit evidence of English proficiency. TOEFL, administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS), is the preferred test. The ETS code for sending your scores to Wheaton is **3963**. Wheaton also will accept results from the IELTS. The English proficiency requirement may be waived for some students. See wheatoncollege.edu/admission/international/credentials.html for waiver details.

Secondary School Report, Academic Transcripts (high school and college) and Midyear Report

After completing the candidate's section, ask your high school advisor or principal to submit the Secondary School Report form, which is part of the Common Application. An official copy of your high school transcript must accompany the Secondary School Report. An official midyear transcript must be submitted by your high school as soon as grades from the current academic year are available. The Admission Committee will not make decisions on candidates without at least first-term grades.

Please note: The Final Report is required only of students who have already graduated from high school.

Teacher Evaluations

Ask two of your instructors to complete the Common Application Teacher Evaluation form and submit it directly to the Office of Admission or to you in a sealed envelope by the appropriate application deadline date. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit evaluations from instructors who have taught them in an academic subject within the last two years.

Certification of Finances

All applicants who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States must submit a Certification of Finances form (available online at wheatoncollege.edu/Admin/SFS/Forms/) or a bank statement indicating resources available to support their educational expenses.

OPTIONAL CREDENTIALS

Standardized Test Scores (SAT, ACT, SAT Subject Tests)

The submission of standardized test results is optional. Applicants who wish to have their scores considered should check the "yes" box in the Optional Standardized Testing Information section of the Wheaton Supplement to the Common Application and arrange to have official score reports sent directly from the testing agency to the Office of Admission at Wheaton College. The ETS code (College Board/SAT) for sending your scores to Wheaton is **3963**; the ACT code is **1932**.

Score reports for submitters must be received no later than the application deadline. Students applying for Early Decision I who wish to include their test scores in their applications should plan to complete testing no later than October of their final year of high school.

Personal Academic Portfolio

Students may wish to submit additional material with their application in the form of a Personal Academic Portfolio, which may provide evidence of particular talents or interests. Portfolios must be clearly labeled with your name and date of birth. Examples may include creative writing (fiction, poetry or plays), artwork, audio or videotapes of work in music or theatre, entrepreneurial achievements, and summaries of academic and/or volunteer service projects.

Candidates wishing to have their portfolios reviewed by faculty must clearly label their submission (e.g., "art portfolio," "music portfolio," "theatre portfolio," or "creative writing portfolio"). In order to secure a faculty review, portfolios must be submitted two weeks before the application deadline. Portfolios will not be returned. Students are discouraged from submitting originals. Please note the individual departmental requirements below:

Creative writing portfolios must be submitted as hard copies by mail. Portfolios in electronic form (CD, DVD or online) will not be reviewed.

Art portfolios must be submitted as slides or digital prints. Portfolios presented in electronic form will not be reviewed.

Music portfolios should consist of recordings of individual performances rather than group choral or instrumental performances. All performances must be in CD or DVD format.

EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENTS/DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

Students with specific learning disabilities or learning style differences may wish to submit copies of any recent professional assessments or documentation with their application to Wheaton. Submission of documentation is purely voluntary and all materials are kept confidential. Students planning to submit testing should note that testing should be no more than three years old.

CAMPUS VISITS

If you are able to travel to the United States, we strongly encourage you to visit Wheaton. Personal interviews are recommended for all applicants who visit Wheaton, and while you are on campus you also may participate in an information session and/or a tour. Tours and interviews are available by appointment weekdays (and Saturday mornings all fall) between April 1 and January 15. If you are unable to schedule a visit to the campus, the Office of Admission will attempt, upon request, to arrange an interview with a member of the Alumni and Parent Admission Committee (APAC) living near your home or school. Please contact the Office of Admission well in advance to schedule an on-campus or APAC interview at admission@wheatoncollege.edu.

FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid is awarded to international students based on a combined assessment of financial eligibility and the overall academic strength of the candidate.

For more information, please visit wheatoncollege.edu/admission/international/faq.html or contact the Office of Student Financial Services at sfs@wheatoncollege.edu or **508-286-8232**.

REQUIRED DOCUMENT

The International Student Financial Aid Application (ISFAA)

The ISFAA is used to determine eligibility for funding and is required of all international financial aid applicants. The ISFAA is available on Wheaton's Web site at wheatoncollege.edu/Admin/SFS/.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

While Wheaton attempts to provide financial assistance to accepted international applicants, it is unlikely that funding will be available for applicants whose financial aid documents are submitted after Wheaton's deadlines. The financial aid application deadlines are as follows:

	Admission deadline	Financial aid deadline
Early Decision I	Nov. 15	Nov. 15
Early Decision II	Jan. 15	Jan. 15
Regular Decision (Fall)	Jan. 15	Feb. 1
Spring Entrance	Nov. 1	Nov. 1

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US:

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST FOR INTERNATIONAL FRESHMAN CANDIDATES

Use this checklist to make sure that you submit all credentials required for the international first-year/freshman application process. Be sure to write or type your name and date of birth (mm/dd/yy) on every non-electronic credential submitted as part of your application.

Soon after we receive your application, you will receive a login ID and password that will allow you to track the status of your application online. Please note that it may take up to two weeks from the time we receive your application credentials before they appear in our online tracking system.

Required Credentials

- Common Application, including personal statement
- Wheaton Supplement to the Common Application
- \$55 Application Fee (waived for online applications before January 5, 2010)
- Academic Writing Sample
- Secondary School Report and academic transcripts
- Midyear Report (when grades from the current academic year are available)
- Two Academic Teacher Evaluations
- English Proficiency: TOEFL or IELTS scores (non-native English speakers only)
- Certification of Finances or bank statement

Required (if applicable)

- Early Decision Agreement Form (signed by you, your parent/guardian and your high school advisor or principal)
- International Student Financial Aid Application

Optional Credentials

- Standardized Test Scores (SAT, ACT, SAT Subject Tests)
- Personal Academic Portfolio (see instructions)